Shortage of items in Indian Embassy in Washington

279. *SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK*: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in the 'Indian Express' dated the 29th May, 1988 wherein it has been stated that there is a shortage of items in the Indian Embassy in Washington;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the cost thereof; and

(c) whether any enquiry has since been conducted and the action contemplated by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K. K. TIWARI): (a) Yes, sir. The report in the 'Indian Express' was based on the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended 31-3-1987 and it appeared on 25th of May, 1988 and not on 29th May, 1988.

(b) The relevant details are given in Statements I to V (*See below*).

(c) No, Sir. No formal inquiry is found necessary, as the Comptroller and Auditor General is satisfied that necessary remedial action has been taken and that there is no major outstanding impropriety on the part of the Mission or the Ministry.

Statement-I

CHANERY

Sl. No.	Item	Quantity of Items	Cost US$	Cost Rs.
1	Airconditioners	15	5007.29	36447.98
2	Ash Stands	5	58.15	423 29
3	Cart wheel	1	14.50	105.55
4	Clocks	14	90.77	660.72
5	Copying machine	1	299 00	2176.42
6	Duplicator	1	405.00	2947.99
7	Fire Extinguishers	13	195.00	1419.34
8	Heaters	4	51.95	378.15
9	Metal Cabinets	6	231.75	1686.89
10	Steel Almirahs	6	302.00	2198.24
11	Typewriters	14	1829.35	13315.81
12	Lamps	6	113.25	825.35
	TOTAL	86	8598.01	62585.73

NOTE: The loss of above items has been regularised by formal write-off.

Statement-II

Embassy Residence

Sl.No.	Item	Quantity of Items	Cost US$	Cost Rs.
1	Chairs	1	30.00	218.37
2	Tables	2	60.00	436.74
3	Beds	4	120.00	873.48
4	Mattresses	5	165.00	1201.03
5	Bedsprings	4	38.00	276.60
6	Chest of drawers	4	140.00	1019.04
7	Clock	1	4.50	32.76
8	Ironing board	1	9.90	72.06
9	Shovels	2	3.75	27.30
	TOTAL :	24	571.15	4157.38

NOTE : The loss of above items has been regularsised by formal write-off.

Statement-III

Embassy Residence

Sl.No.	Item	Quantity of items	Cost US$	Cost Rs.
1	2	3	4	5
1	Rugs/carpets	16	7358.00	
2	Sony sterec	1	500.00	
3	Clock	7	319.00	
4	Chest of drawers	7	686.00	
5	Cocking Range/stove	3	707.00	
6	Representational crockery	1	685.00	
7	Representational Crockery	1	736.00	
8	China cups/saucers.	120 pieces	37.00	
9	Daily use crockery	1 set	99.00	
10	Wine/cocktail glasses	192 pieces	300.00	
11	Ice cream cups	37 pieces	30.00	
12	Ice bucket	1	35.00	

1	2	3	4	5
13	Ash trays	14	25.00	
14	Table cloth	1	106.00	
15	Napkins	50	69.00	
16	Table cloths and napkins	52		1174.00
17	Bathroom Carpets	3	95.00	
18	Champagne glasses	11	27.00	
19	Glassware	28 pcs.	677.00	
20	Glassware	1 set	664.00	
	TOTAL	547	13155.00	+1174.00

NOTE : The loss of above items has been regularised by formal write-off.

Statement-IV

Sl.No.	Items	Quantity	Cost US $	Cost Rs.
1	Indian Carpets	5	..	25880.00
2	Sectional Sofas	2	684·00	..
	TOTAL :	7	684.00	+25880.00

Statement-V

Embassy Residence

Sl.No.	Items	Quantity of items
1	Cattrolas (Cups)	14
2	Sugar tongs	2
3	Smoke sets	4
4	Butter spreads	2
5	Forks—salads.	10

Sl. No.	Items	Quantity of items
6	Forks—serving	1
7	Spoons—serving	2
8	Spoons—desserts	7
9	Spoons—soup	11
10	Spoons—tea	41
11	Spoons—coffee	17
12	Spoons—salt	1
13	Knives—dinner	2
14	Knives—fruit	1
15	Knives—dessert	1
16	Knives—cake	5
17	Spoons—soup	10
18	Forks—table	12
19	Forks—dessert	9
20	Spoons—dessert	8
21	Knives—dessert	3
22	Knives—fruit	8
23	Forks—fruit	8
24	Spoons—tea	35
25	Spoon—coffee	26
26	Spoon—table	4
27	Spoon-serving	1
	TOTAL	245 pieces

Acquisition of F-7 Aircraft by Pakistan

280. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has acquired F-7 aircraft from foreign countries in the month of June, 1988;

(b) if so, the number of such aircraft purchased by Pakistan; and

(c) whether any steps taken by the Indian Government to face the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.